

Work on community concept

By VICKI BROOKER

Approximately thirty ratepayers were on hand Wednesday, March 21 at the Elks' Community Hall to join mayor Ed Buck, administrator Pat Vincent and a full council for the Town of Elk

Point's annual meeting. This attendance was down substantially from 47 in 1983.

Chairperson for the annual meeting was Lloyd Metz, while Vicki Brooker served as recording secretary. The

minutes of the 1983 annual meeting were read by Pat Vincent and approved.

Mayor Ed Buck welcomed the ratepayers to the meeting, and briefly recapped the happenings during the past year. He noted that

working with the new council was interesting and refreshing and that all seem to be working toward the same goals.

Buck noted that council now works on a "Committee concept," with committees doing the bulk of the work

and reporting back at council meetings. He finds this beneficial, as it gets everyone totally involved in the workings of the town.

He reported that bookkeeping inefficiency is no longer a problem with the town, and commended the

administrator and staff for their work.

Reporting on the financial position of the town, Buck said that there are "still quite a few dollars in the bank, but we also spent quite a few dollars" on projects such as the water treatment plant overhaul and the town shop. Because of the available grants used, these large projects "Barely changed the bank balance."

The boards under the jurisdiction of the town have been reviewed, and are being upgraded and updated, Buck said. These are all "Arms of the Town," rather than separate entities, he emphasized. Town representatives now serve as chairpersons of these boards, thus facilitating feedback from the boards to council.

The mayor also noted that the town is now in closer communication with the Chamber of Commerce than ever before.

The Elk Point airport is now complete, Buck reported and is waiting for certification. An official opening of the facility is expected some time this spring. Operating costs of the airport will be shared with the County of St. Paul.

The town has no lawsuits in the works at this date, the mayor commented. The \$40,000 dispute with John Zayonce was resolved by trading the reclaimed former sewage lagoon site for an easement to put a drainage ditch across the Zayonce property, thus draining the swampy area. An \$11,000 total cost for the project also resulted in better general drainage. Also on the subject of drainage, the culverts will soon be installed under the railroad grade at 54 St., at an approximate cost of \$25,000, giving further improvement at a much lower cost than previously expected. An environmental grant may be available for this project.

The long-standing dispute with Tritex Engineering has finally been settled at a cost

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Chamber discusses formation

For town development

By VICKI BROOKER

Formation of a Community Development committee was among the many items of business discussed by the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce at their March 21 regular meeting. Attendance was good once again, indicating an increased interest in chamber activities.

The meeting opened with the presentation of a decorated birthday cake to 84 years young Tourism Committee chairman Ron Barwick, by chamber president Carol Metz. Barwick, who celebrated his birthday on March 20, is a hard working and valued member of the chamber.

Hans Rohner of
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HEAVY OIL EVENT WINNERS — At the First Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel receive the Westmin Resources trophies from Gordon McCuaig: (standing, l-r) Mel Wells, Terry Lively, Richard

Klinger and Mel Klinger of the Klinger Oilfield Service rink; placing second were the Leyen Oilwell Service rink: (front, l-r) Jim Spears, Clarence Hodgson, George Schreiber and Darwin Dean.

Drilled to great gusher

Klinger wins oil spiel

By VICKI BROOKER

Elk Point was the site of the first annual Oilmen's bonspiel over the March 23 — 25 weekend, with thirty-two rinks of oil industry executives and personnel competing. Another twenty rinks were turned away due to limited space.

The bonspiel started Friday noon with all participants parading into the rink, following a kilted piper. Mayor Ed Buck, playing lead for the Alberta Perforators Inc., rink threw the first rock of the spiel.

Saturday featured entertainment by the Ukrainian Dance Club in the afternoon for the wives of the curlers, and a banquet and dance in the Elks Hall during the evening. A free breakfast for the curlers was put on by the Empress Restaurant both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The first event, titled the heavy oil event was won by Klinger's Oilfield Services rink: Mel Wells, Terry Lively, Richard Klinger and Mel Klinger, who were presented with the Westmin Resources trophies and large

radio cassette players courtesy of Fort George Motel.

Runners up were the Leyen Oilwell Service rink: Jim Spears, Clarence Hodgson, George Schreiber and Darwin Dean who received tool sets. The Alberta Perforators rink took third place and were awarded electric shavers while the fourth place AMOCO rink received clock radios.

In the second, "Oil Sands" event, the B & R Transport rink took home the Elk Point

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Sense of community

At last week's meeting of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, a plan was put forward for a community development committee, which would involve persons from all types of organizations and services in planning for Elk Point's future.

This committee would study not just economic developments, but social, educational and cultural aspects as well as serving as a liaison between the various organizations. It would help these groups to work in harmony, instead of the competition which sometimes seems to erupt between them.

As well, it would provide a vast amount of community input into the growth of the town, and increase interest by all groups in that growth, and its effect on the town's residents.

Drawing together people to work on common goals, will, without a doubt, be beneficial to all, as it gives these individuals and groups a true sense of being part of their community.

On the road

In this era of time, with man's advancement in every aspect and sphere of life, achievements, unlimited boundaries, astronomical discoveries and developments, it leaves one wondering and questioning the impassable condition of Secondary Highway 646, east of Lindbergh.

This stretch of road, under construction for over a year's period of time, at this point is still waiting for future completion. The present state of this road is a disgrace, an unbearable mode of travel for those who are forced to use this as an entry and exit route.

The current deep mud is a foreseeable condition which should have been prevented long before this state of deterioration came forth. Perhaps, in another year's time, the improvements undertaken will seem to come as a blessing to those now forced to travel along this stretch of so-called road.

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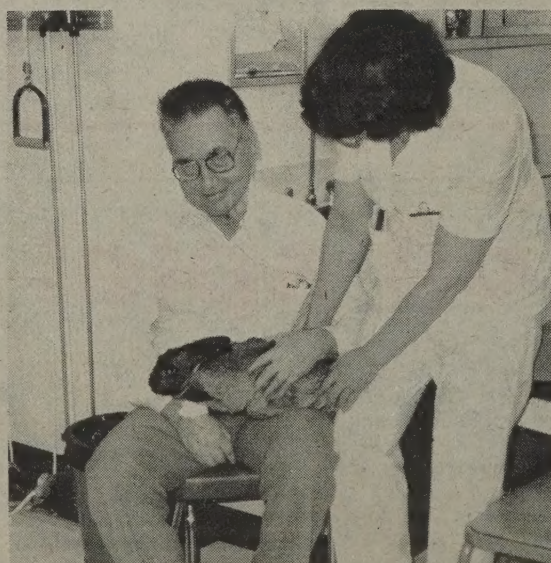
Adventure hour

By FIJA SCHWAB

Thumper the rabbit, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Orest Capjack, paid a visit to the long term patients at the Elk Point Municipal Hospital on Friday, March 23, much to the delight of the patients. Tales of earlier days, and rabbit stew flowed freely, with fond recollections, while Thumper feasted on lettuce and nervously watched.

While Thumper was paying a visit, the patients were treated with another surprise as Mrs. Modine dropped in to present them with the completed mugs the patients had painted at last Friday's Adventure Hour.

A lot of oh's and ah's were audible as each patient received their own inscribed mug, which had burst into a beautiful array of color while in the heat of the film.



PATIENT JOHN ROSYCHUK — Has his hands full with Thumper the rabbit, who paid a visit to the hospital during Adventure Hour.



meanwhile, back at the ranch

by VICKI BROOKER

It's a gorgeous March weekend afternoon and I have a foot-high pile of news to type. Am I typing it? No, I'm playing hokey.

It's so pleasant here in my lawnchair on the deck in the sunshine. We have just cranked up the barbecue for the first time of the year, and cooked up burgers and hot dogs for all — what a tasty change from winter's soup and sandwiches!

It's enjoyable just spending time with my family. These kids of mine are growing up so fast — three are already taller than I, and my 'baby' comes up to my chin. Before I know it, they will all be grown and gone, so it is good to spend a few precious hours with them. (Stop it, you two big bullies! You can't throw your little brother off the deck into a snow bank! Well, I guess you can, after all!). The dog has unearthed the football

from under the snow and wants everyone to join her in a game. This could be a problem — there is still a good foot of snow on the lawn and the yard is not-so-solid mud. Guess you will have to wait a few days, Bear.

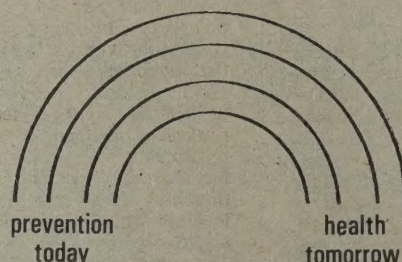
I have two brand new magazines and a newspaper to pursue, now that the young'uns have headed down to the barn to work on the 4-H calves. It would be easier reading, however, without this fat cat, who has parked her chubby self right in the middle of the paper.

Ahh! It's so nice out here, I think I'll just stay in my lawn chair and have a nap. Everything, and that includes my news, can wait.

What's that you say? There's water in the basement? HOW deep? Get the shop-vac! Get the mops! And HURRY!

There goes my nice, quiet afternoon...

Benefits for seniors



north eastern alberta health unit

By Linda MacDonald, Nutritionist

Since 1973, senior citizens in Alberta have been eligible to receive supplies provided by the Extended Health Benefits Program. Some benefits which have been provided include: bathing and toileting aids, walking aids, hearing aids, respiratory aids, wheelchairs and medical-surgical supplies. In 1982, over 40,000 seniors received benefits provided by the program.

A similar program was introduced in 1980 which provided benefits to individuals under 65 years of age. At this time a network of prescribing authorities was established in each health unit throughout the province. The individuals carried out home and client assessments to ensure that those in need of benefits received the correct equipment.

Effective Apr. 1, a few minor changes will take place in both programs. These changes will not affect clients who are already receiving benefits. However, it will be mandatory for anyone requiring new benefits to be assessed by an authorizer to determine the need for service and eligibility of each client. This will ensure that public funds are being used in the most efficient manner. As well as having a demonstrated need for the benefit, individuals must also have a current Alberta Health Care number to be eligible.

You may contact the following authorizers for more information: in St. Paul: Leslie Beaton, Lois Sorgen, Norma Lorenson, Lynnda Seidle at 645-3396.

In Elk Point: Loretta Pinder - 724-4188; Lois Sheplaw - 724-3532.

Meet Katimavik

By VICKI BROOKER

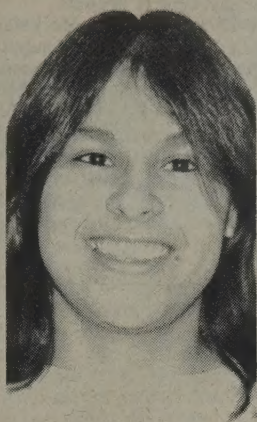
The Group 2 participants of Elk Point's Katimavik program have each written a brief autobiography to show the people of Elk Point a little more about these young people who are working and living in our community. Ladies and gentlemen, meet Katimavik!



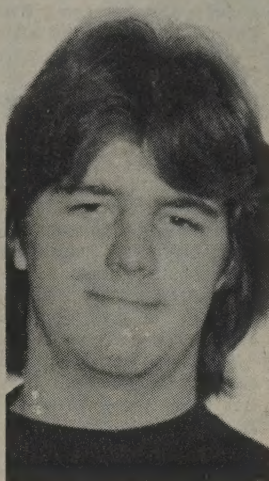
Hello, my name is Steve Lemoine. I'm from Montmagny, Montreal. Previous to joining Katimavik I took a course in mass production of furniture. After the Katimavik program, I hope to get a job where I can use the skills I learned in my course. I would like to thank the Youngchief family from Kehewin who let me billet with them. I enjoyed my stay.



Hi! My name is Josee Lamothe. I'm seventeen years old and come from Montreal, Quebec. The nicest province in Canada!! But... I have to tell you that I really enjoy this place and the people, they are great!!! I would like to thank my billeting family at Kehewin, it was a fantastic experience. Bye for now, hope to see you soon.



Hi, I'm Darlene King. I'm from Toronto, Ont. I was born in Parry Sound, Ont. and am a member of the Parry Island band. Our first rotation in Nova Scotia was great. We lived on a farm. Most of us had a new experience at caring for and milking a cow. After Katimavik I plan to continue my education in College or University. I'd like to thank my billetors Chief Gordon Gadwa and Audry for such an enjoyable stay. Also Elk Point and Kehewin for making us welcome.



Hi! My name is Pat Coflin. I'm from Calgary. I worked at Sears for two years while completing school, before Katimavik I plan to take a course in architecture in the fall. I would like to thank Elk Point and Kehewin for sponsoring us and I would especially like to thank the Nelson family for billeting me this rotation.

More
next week

Chamber discusses town development

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Graphica, was on hand to show the chamber a full-size sketch of his design for a chamber banner. It was later moved to purchase the four-color banner, with its size increased to 48-in. x 34-in., from Graphica for approximately \$225. The banner will be adaptable from carrying by a horizontal pole across the top to carrying on two upright poles which Ron Barwick volunteered to make. A second quotation on a banner was received from Watson's Sporting Goods, with a price of \$375.40 for a 4-ft. x 5-ft. banner in five colors, or in four colors for \$325.

More information on the Public Utilities Board hearing March 28 and 29 was received by the Chamber and passed on to Sid Holthe, who hopes to attend the hearing. Joe Tredger reported that an interim decision is presently allowing Elk Point Gas to raise their service charge from \$6.50 to \$8.00 and the gas itself from \$1.62 to \$2.67, this latter price dropping to \$1.94 on July 31, 1984. This higher rate for approximately five months would help to repay the company's losses, which would be covered by that date. It was noted that a 12 cent drop in federal excise taxes was also benefitting gas consumers.

It was reported that the Chamber of Commerce has 107 paid-up members and this figure was used in paying the fees to the Alberta Chamber of Commerce. The Alberta Chamber will be holding their 1984 annual meeting in Lloydminster in mid-May. The nominations for zone director are now being taken.

Ed Buck reported that it may still be a while before the Elk Point airport has its grand opening, as the facility is still awaiting certification. The chamber will be advised of the opening date in sufficient time to plan a joint opening with the town.

Mayor Buck also invited the chamber members to the town ratepayers meeting that evening, noting that plans for the coming year include a new library and an upgraded water system for the north part of Elk Point. He noted that there is much interest being shown in town land with a major concern being to determine who are serious about these purchases. Buck reported that the ambulance situation was "solved as best we could," by turning it over to the Hospital Board and Hospital Administration.

The mayor congratulated coach Lloyd Metz on behalf of his midget hockey team which is travelling to Vauxhall, Alberta on March 30 and 31 and April 1 to take part in the provincial playoffs. The Town of Elk Point has donated \$150 toward the team for meals, plus a number of town logo pins. The chamber will be donating eighty chamber buttons for the players to trade with other teams. The pee wee hockey players will also take 80 chamber buttons to their upcoming tournament in Fort Saskatchewan.

Ron Barwick distributed copies of the new Lakeland Zone tourist brochure, pointing out the Elk Point section with its

full page advertisement of facilities, services and businesses. In lieu of financial assistance for himself to attend the Travel Alberta annual meeting in Westlock, Barwick asked that the funds be used to open the tourist information booth during the last week of June, one week earlier than usual.

Looking ahead to summer, the Agricultural Society has already approached the chamber regarding sponsorship for the children's movie during the agricultural fair. It was decided to do so, as in previous years.

Sid Holthe reported that Canada Day plans are also getting underway. The steering committee for that event would like a representative from the chamber, plus a similar donation to that given last year. It was moved to give the \$200 donation and Lloyd Metz volunteered to serve on the steering committee. Holthe also mentioned that the chamber may be asked to run one of the non-profit food booths at the celebration.

Also under new business was a plan drafted by Sid Holthe for Community Development Committee, consisting of members from youth groups, education, further education, local service clubs and societies, the Town of Elk Point, FCSS and Recreation Boards, law enforcement and medical services, as well as several members from the chamber itself.

The group would endeavor to enhance and further the development of the community in economic, social and cultural directions, to work with the town council in matters influencing or affecting community development, to support and advise other community organizations in the accomplishment of their objectives and to act as liaison between community organizations. The committee would function as a committee of the Chamber of Commerce and be accountable to the chamber.

One benefit of the proposed committee is that it would cover items which there is no time to discuss at chamber's regular meetings, which are necessarily brief to fit in with people's business day. It was decided to set aside fifteen minutes at the April 4 meeting to further discuss formation of this committee.

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1. Raymond Hillebrand who wrongly guessed Mrs. Jacobsen to be our little sweetie.
2. Lois Yaremkevich who correctly identified our little sweetie to be Dianne Pelletier.
3. Walter Yaremkevich also correctly identified our guess who person to be Dianne Pelletier.

This week we feature: A six-year resident of the Elk Point area. Clue: This former city gal has "rural roots."

Dummy Ad

Last week's Dummy Ad Callers were:

1. Bernice Dion
2. Evelyn Lecopoy
3. Raymond Hillebrand, winner
4. Walter Yaremkevich
5. Jason Anderson
6. Wayne Smereka

All were correct, in guessing that there's no such thing as a self greasing muffler.

Once again there is a hidden dummy ad. This one might stump you, so read carefully.

RULES:

(a) A "Guess Who" contest will be featured on the third page. It will consist of a picture of a young "local" and it will be up to our readers to identify him or her. Clues will be given to assist you. The prize will be \$5.00 and the third caller on Friday morning to correctly identify the youngster will win.

(b) There is (and will be each week) a "hidden, dummy advertisement" in this issue. It is an ad that, when read, will not make any sense or will feature products that are definitely suspect. Again, the third caller on Friday to correctly identify the "dummy ad" will win a prize from the advertising company. For instance, "Sew 'n' Knit might advertise "live sheep" for sale. The person identifying their ad as the hidden dummy would pick up their prize at the Sew 'n' Knit shop and in turn the store gets the ad free.

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of only \$7,500 to the town, rather than the \$48,000 asked for by the engineering firm for work involved with putting the Bepalko subdivision up for tender. The town had filed a counter-suit for \$40,000 which it was felt had been overpaid, and the final sum paid represents approximately the difference between these two sums.

A former assistant administrator who was suing the town for \$25,000 after her position was eliminated was recently awarded three months salary plus court costs in her case.

Mayor Buck commented that the town has written off a bid bond for \$55,000 on which council had failed to act in time, some time ago.

The mayor went on to say that he feels Elk Point has, at this time one of the best prospects for the future in northeastern Alberta. He expects a growth of 400 to 500 people in the next few years, but at a slower rate than originally anticipated. He recalled that at the 1983 annual meeting, a ratepayer had urged that the town "not become developers" but, as the town does have the land in the land bank, which could eventually cost the town between \$2 and \$4 million if it were not developed, "We may have to become developers."

New businesses, the 70-unit trailer park, plus the designation of land for apartment complexes, and the interest shown in industrial land are all pointing to growth for Elk Point. Buck noted that the cost of the industrial park land increases every six months as interest is added on to the original cost. The town recently discovered that they have fifteen years, rather than five, to sell the industrial park land, which gives the town some extra breathing space.

The Senior Citizens Lodge construction has been delayed somewhat by the contours of the land, which necessitate further design work.

One top priority in Elk Point this coming year will be a new library. Three options are open to the town: to expand both the present facility and the town office, to build a new town

office or to build a new library. This third option has been given preference and a \$60,000 grant is currently available through the recreation board for this type of project.

A committee is coming up with a design for Markstad Park, and a grant has been applied for which would supply funds for both hiring workers and purchase of some materials. The inclusion of a two or three stall overnight camping area is being considered.

A new water and sewer facilities operator has been hired, to start on April 2. The new employee has had seven years of experience in this field, with the town of Peace River.

Buck noted that coupons for discounted taxi fares are now available for Elk Point's senior citizens, using funds from the transportation grant.

The arcade issue is still alive in Elk Point and ratepayers are asked to give input on their wishes in the matter, including hours of operation and ages of patrons.

The mayor noted that the town would not be getting professional help with their presentation to the Public Utilities Board hearing to protest the natural gas price increases. Last year, professional aid cost \$9,000 of which the town paid half and the gas company half. It is the mayor's hope that the asked for 79.6 percent residential and 80 percent commercial rate increases will be cut down.

In winding up his report, mayor Buck asked the ratepayers to "Bear with the Town" as they attempt to attract young married people to Elk Point, as well as more businesses. He noted that the future of the town, which now has 320 residents over 62 years of age, lies with encouraging younger people to stay in the community.

Ollie Fedorus moved to accept the mayor's report, with Maurice Lafrance seconding the motion.

In a question from the floor regarding the mayor's report, John Malachowski asked for further clarification on the Tritek lawsuit, which was given by mayor Buck.

The Mayor then read the Municipal Inspector's Report, of

findings from the September 22, 1983 inspection. The report noted that a review of the 1982 financial statement showed the town had a good financial standing, and suggested continued close monitoring of the situation.

It was noted that the administrator had sat as part of the Court of Revision, which was not generally done. The report stated that the administration's files were in good order and suggested that a five to ten year capital budget be mapped out, as this could prove beneficial to the town.

Albert Boratynec moved that the Municipal Inspector's report be adopted, seconded by Sid Holthe.

In a question from the floor, June Stone asked if the town has looked at the suggested long-term budgeting. Councillor Kleeberger replied to the question, noting that this will be considered when doing the 1984 budget, although it is difficult because of the unknown growth factor.

The acknowledgement of the Inspector's report was read by the mayor and moved accepted by Carl Heinemann, seconded by Frank Zarowny.

Mrs. Stone further questioned if an impact study would help with this, to which the mayor replied that the town is now considering this measure, which could cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 with some funding possibly available.

Mayor Buck then read the Auditor's report, submitted by Allen Warawa, CGA. This was adopted on a motion by John Malachowski, seconded by Mrs. Fedorus.

The 1983 financial statement was reviewed by administrator Vincent, who explained the pertinent points involved. The statement reports a \$112,865 surplus for the town, which includes an increase in fixed assets. Net cost of operations totalled \$396,108. Vincent explained the dramatic change in millrate which resulted from the general reassessment.

A supplementary schedule listing wages paid to all town employees was given out, as per a request at the 1983 annual meeting. It was noted that only eleven of the long list of employees had not been subsidized by grants, three of these eleven being part-time.

The mayor noted that Elk Point has a \$895.51 per capita debt, well below the maximum allowable figure of \$2,000.

A comment from the floor that the Federal Government had done well by the town was countered by councillor Kleeberger, who noted that these grants are not aggressively offered, and it is a credit to the administrator, who searched these out and applied for them.

Mayor Buck noted that forty-two people could be employed on grant funding this summer and the town is looking at a specific project to put these people on. An increase in recreational land would be one possible solution, he added.

Councillor Bruce Kleeberger briefly outlined the purpose and objectives of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Finance-By-Laws-Personnel committee. Councillor Fred Kryvenchuk outlined the work of the Public Works-Drainage-Sewer-Water Committee, whose major projects this year have included the water treatment plant upgrading and building the new town shop. This committee has been broken down into three, with each member working on a different aspect.

Albert Boratynec noted that the town staff have done a tremendous job during the past year, including supervision of the many employees. He suggested that town foreman Larry Lecopoy deserved a great deal of credit, to which there was substantial applause.

Mayor Buck reported for the Sunnyside Manor committee, noting that plans for the senior citizens' lodge will be out for tenders soon.

Councillor Philomena Mackenzie reported on the Fort George Manor-Buckingham House committee, noting that two vacancies in the 20-unit Buckingham House will soon be occupied, while Fort George Manor is all occupied.

Alberta Housing is paying the initial cost of cable television for the two residences, with the residents paying a monthly \$6.00 fee.

Mayor Buck noted that there had been a communications breakdown between the town and the management board and manager, to the point that these thought that they were a separate entity from the town. This is not so, as the town signed a contract to manage the residences when they were established.

A new management board has recently been formed, head-

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Auction

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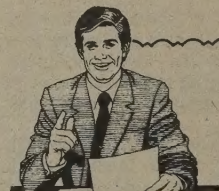
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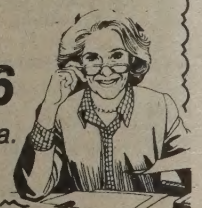
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News from your fair board

By IRENE MAGNUSSON

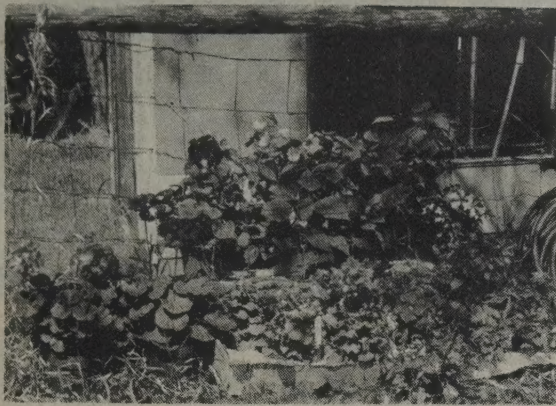
This month's thoughts of the Elk Point summer fair will turn to that loveliest of all summer subjects, flowers. The very word conjurs up masses of colorful bloom, sweet perfume, careful arrangements — and, darn it, insects and weeds to content with.

But by fair time most of the work and worry should be a thing of the past, and all the proud producers will be thinking of which bloom to cut and how best to arrange it.

Under the supervision of Sheril Baumgardner, the displays are bound to be attractive and let's hope YOUR entries are carrying the ribbons.

The list of varieties is long, some 40 categories. And now is not too soon to decide what types of flowers are your favorite and what grows best for you in your soil. Planning ahead is one of the secrets of success. Do keep track of the variety names, and identify your entries. That way the viewer will learn a little, too.

There are sections for annual and perennial arrangements, short or tall, where the containers used form part of the judged entry. One can go very fancy with a special arrangement, using other garden produce, fruits



NOW THAT SPRING IS OFFICIALLY HERE — It is time to think "Flowers" and plan ahead for the summer fair. — I. Magnusson

and vegetables, to achieve the desired effect.

Everlasting arrangements using artificial flowers, silk or whatever, with dried grasses, seed pods, etc., again the containers being part of the entry could be started now.

Flower mats, an unusual arrangement, where pretty flowers 'lose their heads' into a tray or pan, held in place by sand and foil, have a section. Then there are baskets of roses and other novel arrangements.

When it comes to the judging of flowers on their own merit alone, containers do not count and the blossoms should be displayed in plain glass containers with no fillers.

Here is where your

petunias, glads, snapdragons, your pansies, calendula, sweetpeas and zinnias will shine. Roses get a prominent place on the list and last but not least — a most unusual flower section. Here your fancy for the odd-ball plant, not-often-seen variety, comes into its own.

Go through those seed and plant catalogues early. Visit the greenhouses, too. Your garden will be brighter for it.

There will be a few changes from last year, so study the prize list carefully when it comes out. Sharil Baumgardner will be pleased to answer any questions if you call 724-2401. And don't forget, now that spring is officially here, it is time to think FLOWERS, for the Fair.



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If you are currently receiving medical equipment or supplies under the Extended Health Benefits program, you will not be affected by the change, unless you need additional or new benefits.

The Extended Health Benefits program provides eligible senior citizens of 65 years of age and over and their dependants with medical equipment and supplies such as bathing and toileting aids, walking aids, medical/surgical supplies, hearing aids, respiratory aids or wheelchairs.

After April 1, you need to apply for such benefits through a registered program authorizer. Registered program authorizers are certain registered nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists or doctors from any of the following:

- health units
- hospital rehabilitation programs
- nursing homes
- auxiliary hospitals or
- private practices.

A registered program authorizer will complete an application form which you may then take to a medical supplier or pharmacist to obtain benefits.

For more information or for a copy of the brochure explaining the Extended Health Benefits program, contact the Health Unit nearest you or:

Alberta Aids to Daily Living & Extended Health Benefits Program,
4th Floor, Seventh Street Plaza,
10030 107 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3E4

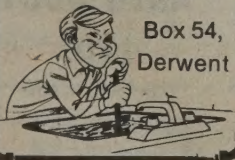
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Klinger wins oil spiel

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Oilfield Service trophies along with gas barbecues donated by Mohawk Propane. Playing for B & R were Jim Kosh, Larry Bordian, Lorne Mills and Maurice Ringuette. Watches went to the runner-up Ceda Chemical and research rink: Iver Storseth, Bill Ballas, Wayne Spence and Marshall Kachmar. The third place Tarsands Steam rink took home coffee makers, while the fourth place Adobe Transport crew took home socket sets.

The third "Huff 'n' Puff" event was won by the FDS Oilfield Services Ltd. rink with Elmer Goulet, Len Cyca, Bert Sirois and Harold Holt each receiving a gas barbecue from ICG Propane in addition to the Elk Point Pump and Supply trophies. AM/FM radios went to the second place John Oryschuk Trucking rink: John Oryschuk, Tim Nychyporuk, Kevin Lawrence and Hardy Lawrence. The third place Hi-Wood Well Service team received electric screwdrivers donated by Bouchard Electric, while the fourth place Doug's Welding rink received fishing rods

and accessories.

Other sponsors of the bonspiel were: Adobe Transport Ltd., Alberta Perforators Inc., AMOCO, Atco Well Servicing Ltd., B & R Transport, Baker Oil Treating, Bear Oil Tool, Bearing and Transmission Ltd., Bishop Machinery Ltd., BMW Monarch, Bouchard Electric, CalGas Propane Ltd., CEDA Chemical and Research, Champion Chemicals, Computalog Gearhart Ltd., Corlan Well Servicing, Corod Manufacturing Ltd., Crown Well Servicing Ltd., DewMar Oilfield Services, Doug's Welding and Oilfield Services Ltd., Dowell.

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Bob Paynter, president of the bonspiel executive, declared the bonspiel a great success. Also on the executive were vice-president Dave Kenyon, secretary Bernie Goruk and treasurer Allan Frankiw.



OIL SANDS EVENT — Winners of the first annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel: Dave Kenyon presents the Elk Point Oilfield Service trophies to the B & R Transport rink: (standing, l-r) Jim Kosh, Larry Bordian, Lorne Mills, Maurice Ringuette. In front are the runners-up: Ceda Chemical and Research rink: Iver Storseth, Bill Ballas, Wayne Spence and Marshall Kachmar.



HUFF'N'PUFF EVENT — Winners at the First Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel were the FDS Oilfield Service rink, shown receiving the Elk Point Pump and Supply trophies from Garth McLaren: (l-r) Elmer Goulet, Len Cyca, Bert Sirois and Harold Holt. The runners up were the Oryschuk Trucking foursome: (front, l-r) John Oryschuk, Tim Nychyporuk, Kevin Lawrence and Hardy Lawrence.

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F.G. Miller career corner

On Thursday, March 15, the grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to attend the County Career Fair at the Ashmont High School.

Ashmont guidance counsellor George Parrot, is to be commended for all the time and effort

he put in organizing such an intricate event. There were many quality speakers and very informative sessions.

Alberta Hire-A-Student gave a job search information presentation in our school on Wednesday, March 21.

Nine relevant topics

were covered. Personal interest inventory, application forms, records check list, how to find a job, common interview questions, why applicants don't get jobs, resumes and covering letters, employer's standards and human rights.

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Community concept

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ed by councillor Mackenzie and including M. Lafrance, E. Mudryk, M. McCowan and A. Schuhmacher and the situation is now back in perspective. It has been determined that the combined salaries for manager and janitor could total \$19,100 which would be ample to employ a full time person.

Councillor Mackenzie reported for the FCSS Board, that the playschool enrolment has gone from 35 to 67 in two years, while the FCSS director is now looking into satellite day care homes and a mothers' day out program. Twenty percent of the FCSS funding comes from the town. Both the FCSS board and the library board, which Mrs. Mackenzie also reported on are very community minded, she said. Top priority for the latter is, of course, building a new library.

Administrator Vincent reported that the Disaster Services committee continues to update its list every six months and that a high commendation was received on the September 1981 exercise.

Councillor Gordon McCuaig reported for the Police-Fire-Dogs-Weeds-Pets committee, noting that the Fire Department's radio system is now operational, and the committee plans to work on the dog and weed problems this summer. Lloyd Metz commented that council members had visited the Fire Department during practice sessions for the first time ever.

McCuaig also reported briefly on the Municipal Planning Commission, which works closely with By-Law and Building Permits Officer Ralph Reimer. In answer to a question, McCuaig noted that the MPC has no jurisdiction over the end use of a rented building. Councillor Bruce Kleeberger of the Development Appeal Board reported that they have had no appeals yet, as the MPC is doing their job well.

Mayor Buck reported for the Chamber of Commerce Liaison committee which he shares with McCuaig, noting

that close contact between the two groups will be maintained, and for the Airport committee, which he had previously mentioned in his report, adding that there is a direct government grant available for construction of a terminal building.

Mayor Buck reported that all water by-pass valves are now shut off, saving the ratepayers a total of \$46,000 per year for treating formerly wasted water, which also taxed the sewer system. While the average Albertan uses about 80 gallons of water per day, Elk Point residents were using 120 gallons, he noted. The town will now be able to handle an additional number of users of water and sewer.

If water customers want a by-pass installed, it will now be put in past the meter, so the customer pays for the water being used, Buck said.

Former mayor Mike Habiak indicated that in years when there is more frost in the ground, there could be problems with freezing lines because of shutting off the valves. He added that some of the water lines are only about four feet deep, and he would like to see these put deeper, as it is the town's responsibility to keep water running.

Buck noted that some of the frozen lines in the past have been in houses and buildings, where they are not the town's responsibility, which ends at the property line.

Sid Holthe commended the former mayor and council for their support of Canada Day 1983, and the present mayor and council for their continued support.

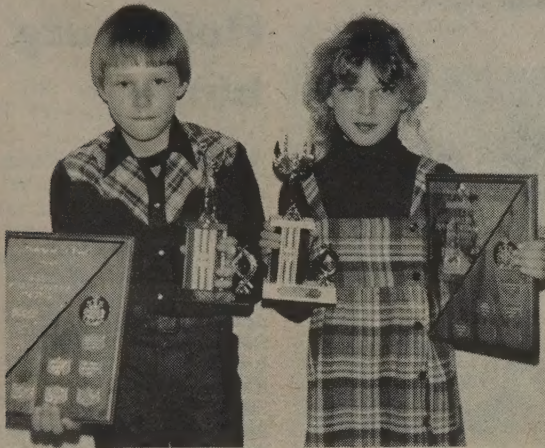
Mayor Buck passed on the honor of closing remarks to deputy mayor Morris Cooper. Cooper thanked the ratepayers for their attendance. He noted that the town is dealing with more people than ever before and will have to think hard to keep ahead.

Mrs. Anna Mae Warren commended the former mayor and council for years of faithful service.

Albert Boratynec moved that the meeting be adjourned.



ELK POINT SPEAKERS — Took both Grade 1 awards at the Jubilee Public Speaking Contest held in Ashmont last week. Debra Goertzen brought home the Girls trophy, while Ryan Lundgren captured the Boys award.



TOP GRADE 5 SPEAKERS — At the County of St. Paul's Jubilee Public Speaking Contest in Ashmont were Jodi Vogel of Elk Point and Corey Twarog of Heinsburg.

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Federal grant to seniors

Health and Welfare Minister, Monique Begin, announced the awarding of a grant to the Pioneer Circle senior citizens under the federal government's New Horizons program.

The Elk Point group will receive \$2,280 to assist in the expansion of its existing program of social and recreational activities. The group plans to organize a choir group to entertain at teas and dances; film presentations will be held; and dinking and floor curling will also be added to the program.

New Horizons is a Health and Welfare Canada program which provides grants to groups of senior citizens to carry out projects and activities of their own choice for the betterment of themselves and their communities. Projects have varied from drop-in centers for the elderly to community history books, sports and games competitions, music and dramatic programs and many others.

Now in its twelfth year of service to Canadian seniors, New Horizons has provided grants totalling \$8,669,924 to 1,354 senior citizens groups in Alberta.



MR. SID HOLTHE (CENTRE) — On behalf of the Legion who sponsored the Remembrance Day Poster Contest, presented Tracy Boothman (left) who placed second in the Junior High division and Laurie Proski (right) who placed first in the Junior High and Zone Competition, with award certificates on Wednesday, March 21, at the Elk Point Elementary School.

Elks jackpot bingo winners

- 54 No.'s Mar. 22
- Peter Yarmuch — \$50
 - Patsy Zarowny — \$15
 - Maryanne Kozicky — \$15
 - Harry Shankowski — \$30
 - Mary Paul — \$5
 - Margaret Bardol — \$5
 - Roy Hendle — \$5
 - Phillis Zarowny — \$5
 - Sharen Cardinal — \$5
 - Mrs. Hendle — \$5
 - Lucy Quinney — \$30
 - Anne Palynchuk — \$30
 - Rose Pankiw — \$55
 - Virginia Mudryk — \$11
 - Mrs. Shymkiw — \$11
 - Mrs. Yarmuch — \$11
 - Mrs. Smith — \$11
 - Bill Dewey — \$11
 - Bert Potts — \$5.50
 - Frank Mason — \$5.50
 - Ludwic Ducette — \$5.50
 - Jackie Gulayec — \$5

- Dianne Heathcote — \$5
 - Mrs. Dacyk — \$5
 - Lillian Youngchief — \$5
 - Laurie Labine — \$5
 - Delores Gerard — \$5
 - Betsy Pipe — \$5
 - Denise Steinhauer — \$30
 - Cecile Rogan — \$30
 - Patsy Zarowny — \$8
 - Irvine Berton — \$8
 - Lena Stepa — \$8
 - Mrs. Vogel — \$8
 - Vera John — \$15
 - Adolph Bird — \$15
 - Margaret Quinney — \$110
 - Amena Zarowny — \$113
 - Mary Cymbaluk — \$113
 - Nancy John — \$113
 - Elsie Cryschuk — \$113
 - Yanina Pashulka — \$113
- Next week 55 No.'s, \$840.00 jackpot.

Heinsburg bingo winners

Wed., Mar. 21/84

- Joanne Faithful — \$25
 - Bill Dewey — \$3.25
 - Maurice Olshen — \$3.25
 - Lori Podhaniuk — \$3.25
 - Annabelle Faithful — \$15
 - Dolphus Fryingpan — \$10
 - Brenda Chief — \$10
 - Kay Hyatt — \$12.50
 - Simon Belly — \$12.50
 - Annabelle Faithful — \$15
 - Alma Quinney — \$15
 - Peggy Crevier — \$33
 - Muriel Cardinal — \$33
 - Lily Buksa — \$33
 - Loretta Chamakese — \$33
 - Mary Louise Fryingpan — \$33
 - Alex Glambeck — \$10
 - Verna Dufresne — \$15
 - Vera Fakeley — \$20
 - Grace Durocher — \$12.50
 - Dolphus Fryingpan — \$12.50
 - Steve Kinjerski — \$30
 - Virginia Nolan — \$65
 - Mrs. Janet Gibson — \$127
 - Rose Anderson — \$127
 - Mavis Smith — \$36.50
 - Bud Christensen — \$36.50
 - Mary Kinjerski — \$73
 - Reggie Mountain — \$73
 - Peggy Crevier — \$73
 - Janet Gibson — \$36.50
 - Betsy Lumley — \$36.50
- Wednesday, March 28, 54 numbers, \$625.00 jackpot.



ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, MR. SID HOLTHE ON BEHALF OF THE LEGION — Who sponsored this event, presented the certificates of award to the elementary winners of the Remembrance Day Poster Contest. (L-r) Roseann Wirsta (first in prose), Tammy Boratynec (second in prose), Margaret Bayduza (first in poetry), Nathan Bosvik (second in poetry), Darwin Ference (first in the poster contest) and Faye Drobot (second in the poster contest).

Mazankowski announces grant

Don Mazankowski, MP for Vegreville, is pleased to announce a grant in the amount of \$2,280 to the Pioneer Circle Senior Citizens of Elk Point, under the auspices of the New Horizons Program.

This grant will allow the expansion of their program activities in their centre. A singing group will be established to entertain at teas and dances; film presentations will be held; as well, dinking and floor curling will be added to the existing recreational activities.

holding my own!

By FIJA SCHWAB

By FIJA SCHWAB

I have had quite a few experiences in my time, some of which have been humorous, some not, some which have left me dazed, puzzled and furious.

My last experience has been none of the above, this episode shall be given a category all of its own.

The other evening I set out on a journey to cover an event for the newspaper. There's me and my faithful old green beater, cruising down the highway, radio's playing some fine tune, I'm puffing away on my cigarette, relaxing. I'm glancing around, checking out the scenery and my eyes feast upon a sign, which informed me that the "pavement ends."

Approximately two miles later, I came to the conclusion that the sign was rather misleading, it should have read "road ends." My poor old car was up to her axles in mud and gravel, saddling both sides of this so called road, fighting to hold her own. Then came the good news, another

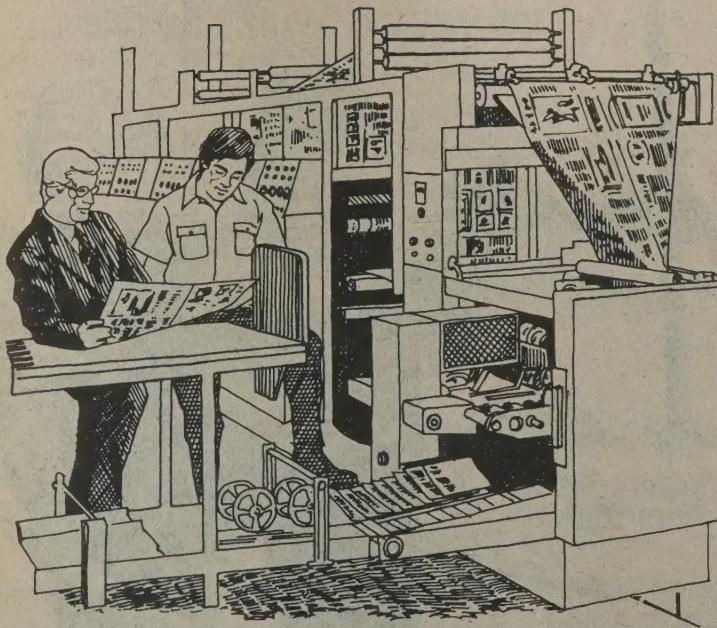
sign. This one informed me that the shoulders of this road were soft. I figured I must have been driving on the shoulder and if I was, where the heck is the road? Well it didn't take too long for me to figure out that what I was travelling on was the road, nor did it take me very long to come to the conclusions that my only option available was to keep on plowing straight ahead.

Fortunately for me, there were no more signs, so I was pleasantly surprised when I spotted solid ground in the form of a bridge. At which point I used the bridge to turn the beater around and head for home.

Upon arriving, safe and sound in my driveway, I had to call for help and hubby came rushing out with a crowbar to pry my fingers from the steering wheel while he proceeded to lecture me on how I lacked the required driving skills needed to tackle such a road. At this point I wonder if he's made it to the bridge or if I should send out a search party?

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Elk Point takes third in local tom thumb tournament

Elk Point hosted a Tom Thumb Tournament on Mar. 25 in which St. Paul and Myrnam participated. In the round robin schedule Elk Point played St. Paul in the first game the final score St. Paul 10, Elk Point 3. Goals for St. Paul were scored by Mark De La Salle, Greg Fontaine and Shane Kozachanko. Elk Point goals were scored by Darcy Pankiw and Aaron McLellan with his first two career goals.

The second game was St. Paul against Myrnam, St. Paul again won in a shooting duel, final score 7 to 5. Goals were scored for St. Paul by Greg Fontaine, Mark De La Salle and Bradley Krawchuk. Marksman for Myrnam were Bobby Watkins, Glen Hladunewick and Jamie Myshaniuk.

The third game saw Myrnam and Elk Point play off for second place. The highly entertaining game ended in a 6 to 3 win for Myrnam. Bobby Watkins and Jamie Myshaniuk each scored a hat-trick. Travis Warawa, Aaron MacLellan and Aaron Arbo scored for Elk Point.

Final standing St. Paul - gold, Myrnam - silver and Elk Point - bronze.

AOC contributes

The Alberta Opportunity Company (AOC) authorized 32 small business loans totalling \$3,450,000 for the month of January.

Service industries received the majority of financing with 22 loans compared to 10 for manufacturing. There were 32 new positions created by these loan authorizations. This brings the total number of people employed by the businesses receiving loans in January to 212.

AOC, funded through the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, is a crown corporation that provides financial assistance to help Alberta business. Loans are repayable with interest and are made where financing is not readily available from conventional lenders. In addition, management counselling is provided to AOC clients when requested.

AOC reports on its activities to the legislature through the office of Al "Boomer" Adair, Minister of Tourism and Small Business.

Northern Alberta loan authorizations totalled \$599,000 for businesses in Peace River, Grande Cache, Grande Prairie, Elk Point and Hinton. Businesses include a sand and gravel sales company, a supplier of commercial premises, a gravel crushing business, a retail cosmetic studio and a sub-contractor to forestry.



ST. PAUL MINI MITE BEGINNERS — Won the three-team tournament held in Elk Point this weekend.



MYRNAM TOM THUMBS — Took home the silver from the Elk Point tournament.



ELK POINT TOM THUMBS — Won the bronze at the weekend tournament in Elk Point.

Curling club lottery

March winners in the Elk Point Curling Club lottery have now been announced.

John Zayonce held the lucky ticket on March 2 with Nellie Merrick winning on March 9.

Steve Wolanuk was the winning March 16 ticket holder while Irene Miller was the March 23 winner.



Planning to sow those wild oats again this year?

Kitchen korker kates

Continuing with our Easter recipes, Mrs. Olga Capjack and her daughter-in-law Connie Capjack would like to share several of their recipes with us. This week will feature Easter Paska and Kolach. Watch next week for 24 hour salad and a favorite recipe for poultry stuffing.

EASTER PASKA

1 tsp. sugar
1 pkg. yeast
1 C. water
Mix and let rise 10 minutes

3 C scalded milk
4 C flour

Cool milk and add yeast and flour, let rise till bubbly. Beat 6 eggs, 1 C icing sugar, ½ C melted butter, 1½ tsp. salt. Add to above mixture adding 9 to 10 C flour. Knead until smooth. Let rise until double. Punch down. Let rise again and make into loaves.

KOLACH

2 pkg. yeast
4 C lukewarm water
1 tsp. sugar
4 C flour

4 eggs
¼ C sugar
2 tsp. salt — 6 tsp. oil
8 to 10 C flour

Dissolve yeast in 1 C water with tsp. sugar. Let stand 10 min. Combine yeast with 3 C water, add 4 C flour. Beat hard until smooth. Let rise about 1 to 1½ hours, till light and bubbly. Add well beaten eggs, sugar, salt, and oil. Gradually work flour into mixture till medium stiff dough. All flour may not be needed. Cover, let rise about 2 hours. Divide into six portions, make each one into a roll and braid 3 together. Makes two loaves. Let rise, brush with beaten egg. Bake at 350 about 1 hour.

HINT — To thaw frozen bread, put it in a paper bag then pop in a warm oven for about 5 minutes.

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Traditional lessons may include classical, popular, and/or music theory, subject to the student's preference. These lessons are available to grades one through twelve.

Suzuki lessons are available to ages three and up. For parents and any others interested in more information about the Suzuki method, Debbielou will be having a presentation, consisting of a video tape, followed by discussion. This will be held on Tuesday, April 10th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Elk Point Elementary School. Those planning to attend are requested to contact Debbielou at 724-4314. Further information regarding lessons and scheduling may also be obtained at this number.

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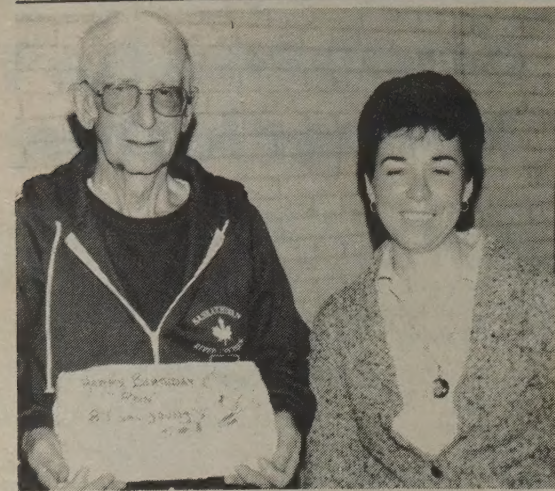
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RON — Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Carol Metz presented Tourism Committee chairman Ron Barwick with this handsome cake on the occasion of his 84th birthday. Many happy returns of the day, Mr. Barwick!

Younghans named to all conference team

Darcy Younghans of Heinsburg, Alberta has been named to the Alberta Colleges' Athletic Conference, All-Conference Hockey Team. Younghans is a member of the Camrose Lutheran College Vikings.

Darcy has just completed his third season with the Vikings. As the team captain, he was the major drive behind the club's success over the last two years. The coaching staff feel that with his intense, physical style of play, he could step into the Univer-

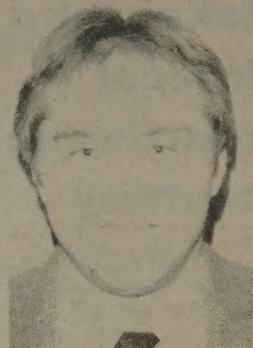
sity of Alberta Golden Bears line-up for the 1984-85 season. Darcy is presently studying towards a degree in Recreation Administration.

Selections for the All-Conference Team were made by conference hockey coaches. Joining Younghans for this honor were three other Vikings' players: Lloyd McKinney of Waskada, Manitoba; Yvon de Champlain of Legal, Alberta, and Bruce Kiryluk of Dauphin, Manitoba. The remainder of the all-conference selec-

tions are students at NAIT, SAIT Red Deer College and Mount Royal College.

Intercollegiate athletics are an integrated part of the college's educational program. CLC is a charter member of the Alberta College Athletic Conference. The Vikings squad is in a rebuilding year, finishing third with a record of 15-10 in a very competitive six-team league.

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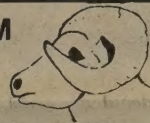
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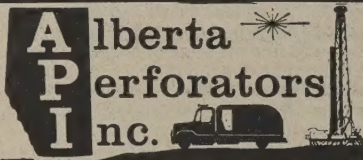


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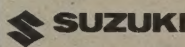
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Town takes action

By VICKI BROOKER

It would appear that Mayor Ed Buck's 1984 annual meeting prediction that "The Town may have to become developers" is coming true, and much sooner than anyone had expected.

Following yet another presentation by a prospective developer of residential property at Elk Point Town Council's Mar. 26 regular meeting, council decided that the fastest way to get residential lots on stream was to do so themselves. To this end, they passed a motion made by Councillor Gordon McCuaig to apply for subdivision of a parcel of land west of 51 Street in the North Subdivision, as outlined on a new basic plan submitted by the Provincial Planning Department. The parcel would accommodate a number of single family homes.

The previously mentioned presentation was made by Larry Bykewich of Lori Jay Holdings Ltd., and by John Krebs of Butler, Krebs Engineering. Lori Jay Holdings Ltd. has made offers to purchase one twenty acre and one ten acre parcel of land in the north subdivision, to be used for single and multiple family dwellings and a rental trailer park. While these offers are still being considered by the Town, the urgent need for home lots in the immediate future led the Town to expediate the situation as best they could, by initiating subdivision proceedings.

Other development also came under discussion at the Monday evening meeting, which started at 8 p.m. after a series of committee meetings.

No response has yet been forth coming from a letter sent by the Town to the solicitor for Mughal Homes, reminding the firm that the time to exercise their purchase option is running out.

A deposit sent to the Town on a parcel of highway commercial property will be returned as policy guidelines have not yet been established for sale of this property. It was moved by Councillor Kleeberger that an appraiser be hired by the Town Administrator at a fee not

exceeding \$500, to determine the fair market value of the highway commercial land.

Ron Den Boer of Alberta Planning was on hand to present three different outlines of possible lay outs for the north section of the Industrial Park, which would facilitate sale of both serviced and unserviced lots.

Also in the Industrial Park, it was reported that a problem caused by wrongly located power and gas lines is being rectified on the John Wozniak parcel.

Bylaw No. 384 offsite levies, setting conditions for development costs also was finalized with a third reading, on a motion by Councillor Kleeberger.

Only one tender was received for the overhead door formerly used in the fire hall. Councillor Kleeberger moved to accept the \$400 tender submitted by Ed Poulin.

Councillor Kleeberger moved ratification of Marvin Bjornstad as member - at large from the town to the Rec. Board.

Mayor Buck moved that Dun and Bradstreet be retained for one year to check into the interest of potential developers.

Councillor McCuaig moved that council approve angle parking on the west side of 50 Street, with employees of businesses to find an alternative parking area.

The community impact assessment study came under much discussion, with Mayor Buck eventually making a motion to direct a letter to the Northern Alberta Development Council, indicating the Town's interest but not committing any funds.

E. Jamieson, solicitor for Don Schueler of Lake Land Ambulance Service will be advised that the ambulance situation has been referred to the hospital.

It was moved by Councillor Mackenzie that G. Hurtubise and J. Scott be authorized to attend an Alberta Treasury Pension Plan workshop in Vermilion in early May.

Mayor Buck moved that the Town reorder another lot of 500 lapel pins at \$1 each.

elk point this week

By VICKI BROOKER

Friday, March 30 — Sunday, April 1 — No-hit hockey tournament, A.G. Ross arena.

Saturday, March 31 — Elk Point Curling Club wind-up funspiel, enter now.

Wednesday, Apr. 4 — Chamber Of Commerce, noon.

Sunday, Apr 8 — OORP District meeting, Elks Hall.

Elk Point Senior Citizens — Hold their monthly meetings at 2 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Pioneer Circle Hall. We have whist parties every Friday evening. Cash prizes, also a travelling prize. On Tuesdays at 10 a.m., we have bridge lessons. Anyone interested, please phone 724-2415. Also we have floor curling Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. Come and join in the fun, you are very welcome. We have a dance once a month, usually the last Saturday of the moth. Good old time music.

Elk Point Farmers' Market — Is at the old Ballas Motors location, each Friday afternoon 1 to 3 p.m. Call Billie at 724-2499 for tables.

Elk Point Branch No. 151 — Royal Canadian Legion holds their monthly meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Yesterday

Yesterday can be hours, days or years ago. All of us have enjoyed — or endured — happenings in our "yesterdays" which could be of interest to others. We are inviting you, seniors with stories to tell, poems you've written, history you've seen or heard of, to bring your story to the Lakeland Review office.

Each week we will feature a different writer. Don't worry if you don't have a typewriter; handwritten will be accepted.

Pictures from "Yesterday" could also be used, and will be returned. Put your name on the back and tell who or what is in the picture.

We particularly want stories from seniors, but will also consider others, if they have a "Yesterday" theme.

Your story may be fact or fiction, happy or sad. Just take it into the office. We'll do the rest.

Both the idea and the title for this column was suggested by B. Alma Holliday. Help us make it a success.

Prairie blizzard

As told by Nellie Rushfeldt

It was a crisp sunny day, January 25, 1925, when I left our prairie home, twenty-three miles south of Youngstown, Alberta, to attend the Wild Rose U.F.W.A. local meeting. This was a welcomed outing to we house-bound farm women, an excuse to leave our husbands babysitting the small children, while we had our afternoon of business and woman talk.

I had a team and sleigh, and picked up six ladies on my way to Shot's place six miles south, where the meeting was to be held.

We met in the small all-purpose room, twelve ladies plus the Shots. Problems and resolutions finished up, we were having coffee and cake when someone noticed the sun had disappeared. A few flakes of snow were sifting down. We knew it was time to head for home.

The wind was rising too, and by the time we had the horses hitched up it was snowing hard, gusts moving it right along. However, we had to get home, so we bundled into the blankets on the straw in the sleigh box and started out on our six mile trip, just as dusk fell, straight into the teeth of the north wind. The other outfit with five ladies aboard headed out, too, in the opposite direction.

The storm developed rapidly and soon a howling blizzard was all over us. I could no longer see the road or be sure we were going in the right direction. The horses would stop and try to turn aside, I urging them on, not at all certain which was the right way to go. It was getting darker and colder by the minute, the swirling snow a biting curtain before my eyes.

Suddenly the team stopped dead. I slapped the reins over their snowy backs and talked to them, but couldn't get them to move more than a foot or two. Peering despairingly into the shifting gloom ahead, I thought I could make out a dark wall. I got out and struggled against the straining gale. I found it was a wall, and followed it along to a corner. Rounding the corner I saw a welcome glimmer of lamplight from a small frosted-over window! Finding a door beside it, I beat on it and called out, "Hello! hello in there!"

In a moment the door opened to show the startled face of Bill Shot. We had travelled for hours, thoroughly lost, making a complete circle back to where we had started from!

Come in! Come in!" Mr. Shot hurried the shivering ladies into his house. "Boy, am I glad you made it back!" He got his lantern going. "I'm sorry I ever let you start out in this storm!" He got our snow-encrusted team unhooked and into his shed, with a forkful of hay before them.

Inside the house we found all the other ladies who had left when we did. Mr. Shot had worried when he realized the storm's ferocity and went after them, catching them before they had gone far. We clustered around the cosy heater, thankful for the shelter, but wondering too, what our husbands, tied in our homes with the little ones, were thinking when we didn't show up as the storm intensified.

There were, of course, no phones in those homesteading days out on the plains, no way to tell them we were safe. We drank the hot tea and ate the supper offered later by our hostess, but we didn't have too much of an appetite.

We huddled in our coats, some on the bankets from the sleigh, close by the fire, some on the few kitchen chairs, in that tiny house all through that night. We slept little and lightly, someone putting more coal on the fire before it burned low. Outside the blizzard shrieked and shook the small farm house as if to whip it away. At times I seemed to hear my children's voices crying for me down the wind.

First light brought us to our feet, scraping frost from the window, listening for the wind. It had died away! The sky was clear, stars fading in the brightening east.

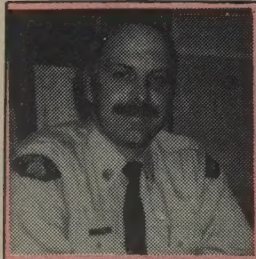
Mrs. Shot made coffee and we got ready. Mr. Shot brought our teams out of the shed and hitched them to the sleighs, while we girls brushed out the snow and arranged blankets for our trip home. We thanked the Shots, waved goodbye and started out.

The road was a sea of drifts, very deep in places, blown bare in others. Our great sturdy team of Percherons struggled on, plunging again and again into the drifts, occasionally supported by the hard-packed snow, more often breaking through. We made slow headway, tilting and jerking as the big team floundered on, resting a few minutes now and then, then forward again. At least we could see where we were going!

As I left off one lady after another at their homes, I saw some pretty thankful-looking faces on the husbands and children who met them at their doors, and some babies who got a good hugging from their still coat-clad, snow-drenched mothers. Tears flowed freely.

My husband was as relieved as the others, seeing me drive in, and thanked God we had found shelter and were alive. A prairie blizzard is not a thing to be out in overnight.

Our cattle and other livestock must have been glad we were home, too, as the men had not been able to leave the house and children long enough to go out to do the chores.



From the Sergeant's Desk

Sgt. Jim Fell

First of all I would like to advise all the people of Elk Point and district that my staff and I have finalized our plans to hold a Red Serge, Regimental Spring Ball in Elk Point this spring. We have invited all the members that have served here since the opening of the detachment and to date we have eleven confirmations. I would like to cordially invite everyone to come and meet my staff and I and to renew old acquaintances. Details have been published in this issue of the Lakeland Review. Hope to see you there, it promises to be the gala event of the season.

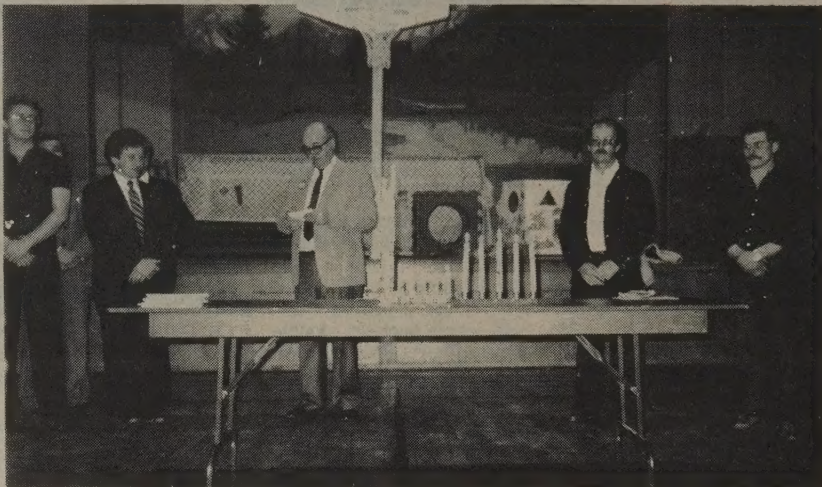
Now down to business, the Alberta Department of Housing has recently introduced a new incentive program entitled senior home improvement program or SHIP. The program is a grant available to seniors and widows to do home improvements and/or to purchase household appliances. That's the good news, the bad news is that with programs like this there is always someone with a scheme to steal or defraud these folks of their grant money.

One of the most popular scams is the APPARENT contractor that shows up at your door promising to supply and install aluminum siding. The fast talking, high pressure salesman will get you to sign a contract and ask for a large deposit, "Up Front," then he will never be seen again. This is one of the dozens of schemes that we have been advised of and I am warning you to be on your guard against them.

If you are approached by someone claiming to be a contractor and you do not know him, don't be talked into a contract and a deposit. Compare the prices with your local contractors and if you're suspicious, please give us a call.



LIONS INDUCTED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 22 — Are (not necessarily in order): Jim Baylis, Tom Valleau, Dwayne Schwab, Pat Vincent, Albert Paradis and Maurice Dubuc.



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Lions Induction

The gymnasium at the ECS building in Elk Point, was the centre of activity on Thursday, Mar. 22 as the International Lions Club held their induction ceremony for their six new members, at a supper and social organized by the Lioness Club in conjunction with the Lions.

On hand for the occasion was District Governor Mr. Romanchuk, Deputy District Governor Hugh Thomson, and Zone Chairman Jim McGinnis.

Mr. Romanchuk officially began the induction ceremony, with a speech of welcome to all the new members, along with sponsors, who gathered together on the left hand side of the symbolic enlarged candle holder shaped in the form of an L. Incoming president Frank Mayner delivered the invocation prayer, followed by Thomson who recited the Lions Code of Ethics, and McGinnis who outlined the objectives of the Lions Club.

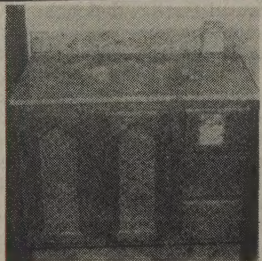
The new members, then repeated the pledge, upon Romanchuk's deliverance, with the sponsors reciting their promise and in turn each lighting a symbolic candle. The new members then, went on to light a candle, which signifies their official membership into the Lions Club. The sponsors then went on to present the new Lions with a lapel pin, and a kit which contained the Code of Ethics and Objectives of Lionism, along with other pertinent information.

Spring Renovation now on

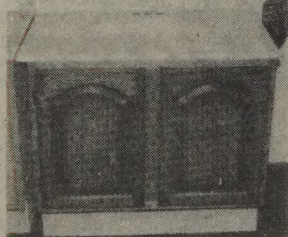
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